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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
Justice Department  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft revolutionized the computer age with the advent of its Windows operating system. The standardization and user-friendly operability offered by Windows has a wide appeal and is what pushed Microsoft to the front of the pack. Microsoft's success is due to great innovation and clever products, not surreptitious antitrust activity.

I am content with the pending settlement reached by Microsoft and the government because it is fair. The settlement provisions, such as Microsoft agreeing to share its Windows source code with competitors, represent a very positive development. It is important because they are also interconnected and comprehensive. Microsoft not only will avoid retaliating against software developers who promote software that competes with Windows, but also the computer makers who ship the aforementioned software are also covered. Together, these measures will lead to an increase in competition and therefore remedy the government's primary "beef" with Microsoft. Everyone wins!  
Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Williams".

Larry Williams  
Controller  
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